

Commission Meeting Agenda

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FCC Announces Panelists for Public Hearing On Localism at FCC Headquarters

The Federal Communications Commission today announced further details of its previously announced Washington, DC hearing regarding localism *(see announcement dated October 24, 2007)*. As previously announced, the Localism Hearing will include a presentation by the Media Bureau summarizing the record the Commission has received on the topic of localism, a panel presentation, and a period for public comment. The Localism Hearing will take place in the Commission Meeting Room, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. and begin immediately following the open meeting which is scheduled to commence at 9am.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters' service to their local communities. Along with competition and diversity, promoting localism is a key goal of the Commission's media ownership rules.

List of witnesses for panel discussion as follows:

Marcellus Alexander, Executive Vice President for NAB Television, President of NAB Education Foundation

Mark Cooper, Director of Research, Consumer Federation of America

Bob Edwards, National First Vice President of AFTRA; Host, The Bob Edwards Show, XM

Satellite Radio; and Former Host, NPR's "Morning Edition"

Kim Gandy, President, National Organization for Women

Jim Goodmon, President & CEO, Capital Broadcasting

Wade Henderson, President & CEO, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., President and Founder, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Andrew Jav Schwartzman, President & CEO, Media Access Project

Christopher Sterling, Professor of Media and Public Affairs/Public Policy/Public

Administration, George Washington University

S. Derek Turner, Research Director, Free Press

The moderator will be Louis Sigalos, Chief of the Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, Consumer Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC.

Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need and as much detail as possible. Also, please include your contact information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio. Spanish language translation service will be provided. In addition, the hearing will be recorded, and the recording will be made available to the public. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference MB 04-233. Filing instructions are provided at http://www.fcc.gov/localism/filinginstructions.doc.

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